

Catawba County Emergency Medical Services

EMT – Paramedic

General Statement of Duties

Performs skilled, technical work in driving an ambulance and in administering Paramedic level emergency medical care to patients.

Distinguishing Features of the Position

An employee in this class drives an ambulance to the scene of emergency and non-emergency calls. The employee applies necessary EMT-Paramedic level emergency medical care to sick or injured persons and transports persons. Tact, courtesy, and firmness are required in dealing with patients, families, other responders and medical personnel, as well as the general public. Work is performed in accordance with established emergency medical procedures and techniques. The employee must exercise considerable independent judgment in diagnosing a patient's condition and in applying short-term relief. Work is performed under the general supervision of a Crew Chief, Supervisor, EMS Training Officer, and/or EMS Manager and evaluated by the employee's ability to respond effectively.

Illustrative Examples of Work

1. Responds to emergency calls, performs necessary rescue work, and administers Paramedic level emergency medical care.
2. Responds to non-emergency calls, such as requests to transport patients from hospitals to their homes, or from a local medical facility to a specialized medical center.
3. Participates in a continuous training program to maintain certification and improve competence in medical technical work and in ambulance service and operation.
4. Studies street and road patterns and networks of the county in order that future runs may be made with minimum difficulty and delay.
5. Maintains accurate records and reports.
6. Performs daily inspection and cleaning of ambulance and base.
7. Performs related work as assigned.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

1. Thorough knowledge of Paramedic level emergency medical procedures and policies.
2. Thorough knowledge of skills in assessing a patient's condition and applying Paramedic level emergency medical care.
3. Thorough knowledge of equipment and supplies employed in the emergency care of patients.
4. Thorough knowledge of city and county geography and of the location of roads and streets within the county.
5. Considerable knowledge of automotive and radio communications equipment.
6. Ability to safely drive an ambulance under a variety of weather and traffic conditions.
7. Ability to respond quickly and calmly to emergency situations.
8. Ability to lift substantial weight pursuant to state standards.
9. Ability to tactfully, courteously, and firmly deal with patients, families, other responders and medical personnel, as well as the general public.
10. Ability to communicate effectively, both written and verbally.

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Desirable Training and Experience

1. The employee must be certified by the NC Board of Medical Examiners as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic.
2. The employee must successfully complete an AHA ACLS, BLS and PALS course.
3. The employee must possess a valid NC driver's license.
4. Successful completion of an ITLS course is preferred.